



**A Message From  
The President  
MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)**



The 101st Signal Battalion traces its lineage to 6 Dec 1886 when it was organized in the New York National Guard as "Signal Corps 1st Bde". In the 126 years that have elapsed since that date the 101st has answered the call to duty from state and federal leaders on many occasions. The Battalion was called to Federal service on 3 Jul 1916 for the Mexican Border service, and mustered out on 23 Dec 1916; called again on 21 Jul 1917 for WW I and demobilized on 31 Mar 1919.

The next call came on 13 Jan 1941 and WWII when they served until 8 Dec 1945; called to active service on 19 Aug 1950 for Korea and relieved on 27 Sep 1954; federalized again on 1 Oct 61 for the Berlin Crisis and served until 5 Aug 62.

In addition to Federal call ups the Governor of New York has utilized the National Guard, including the 101, to assist and protect the civilian population in the aftermath of Hurricanes blizzards, floods, fires and on one memorable occasion the Guard was called to take control and operate the State Prisons as a result of a prison guard strike. The 101st took control of the maximum security prison at Greenhaven and operated it for two weeks in 1979.

The Battalion has experienced many changes over the years, as TO&E and equipment were rewritten to accommodate new equipment and missions.

The Battalion end strength has increased and decreased. New training doctrine and techniques have been introduced, new vehicles and equipment fielded. The uniforms have changed and scores of new acronyms invented to define it all (or not). The computer has transformed record keeping, and information gathering and dissemination.

Through all these changes I see one constant, the officers and soldiers have not changed. Citizens, serving freely, volunteers, part time soldiers, they are among the best of our country. They are a special breed and bring a special flavor to the Total Force. I have always found them, and still do, to be dependable, adaptable, inventive, unorthodox at times with problem

**SCHEDULE  
OF  
MEETINGS**

Monday  
9 Jul 2012  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory

Thursday  
18 Oct 2012  
1930 Hrs  
Polish C.C.  
Yonkers, NY  
Spouse/Friends  
are Invited

Monday  
7 Jan 2013  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory

Monday  
8 Apr 2013  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory  
Annual  
Elections

**ANNUAL DUES  
ARE  
\$12.00 E6 & Up  
\$2.00 E-1 to E-5  
Due in April  
Each Year  
Check Your  
Mailing Label  
In Apr 2012 for  
Expiration Date**



**Presidents Message Cont'd**

solving (but effective), unit and mission oriented who are at their best when it counts, when the chips are down. The true strength of the Battalion is not equipment, vehicles, and weapons, it is the individual soldier, officer and enlisted who do the work of the unit and selflessly serve State and Nation.

The NYARNG Yellow Ribbon Event for the 101st Signal Battalion was held on 23 & 24 June 2012 at the Marriot Hotel in Tarrytown. The State Headquarters put on an impressive program for the soldiers and their families, including informative presentations and numerous handouts to all present containing information on contacts in the family support system.



The annual boat ride from West Point on the Hudson River took place on 9 Jun 12. Over 100 passengers, including children enjoyed a wonderful day.

**Upcoming events**

134th NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition will be held 9-12 Sep 2012 in Reno Nevada.

The Liberty Chapter Annual fishing trip aboard the "Riptide III" is scheduled for Wednesday September 5, 2012. While the main target fish that day will be Porgies, which are always plentiful, fun to catch and delicious, there is always the chance for a Fluke, Bluefish, Striper or even ???.

**Obituaries**

SSG Paul Bussee, a member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA, passed away on Friday 20 Apr 2012. Paul was a full time technician with the 242nd Signal Battalion and the 187th Signal Brigade until his retirement. See the attached Newspaper article on Paul as a Nordic dancer.

**LIBERTY CHAPTER**



**To Promote the Espirit de Corps and Fraternity of the Signal Corps**

**HRF validation exercise held in May 2012 at the NY State Preapredness Training Center**

Article and Photos provided by LTC Kim Farrier Tactical Signal Support Branch Chief, JFHQ-NY-J6



The 42nd ID has been tasked by NGB with the responsibility for the FEMA II Homeland Response Force (HRF) mission for the next two years. MAJ Patrick and 1LT Palizay are the HRF S-6 Planners who engineered the intricate communications plan for the HRF validation exercise held in May 2012 at the NY State Preapredness Training Center in Oriskany, NY. The communications network started at Fort Drum where the HUB Node was established to draw services from the Network Operations Center there. Service was provided from the Hub Node to the Joint Node Network (JNN) set up at the Syracuse Army where the HRF HQ and the Tactical Operations Center was established. The exercise incorporated all of the New York Domestic Operations communications equipment to include JISCC 36, JISCC 11, one of the MERC satellites and the FM Military Emergency Response Network. The JISCC 36 expansion kit provided up to 80 computers to facilitate HRF staff coordination and C2 in the DRASH Tactical Operations Center.

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MAJ Patrick and 1LT Palizay the HRF S-6 Planners pause from their reporting on the JISCC 36 and JNN Communications Networks



Syracuse Army with HRF Communications equipment stood up.

The CERF-P is the HRF element which provides Search and Rescue, Decontamination, and Medical Support for the FEMA Region II domestic response mission. The S-6 for the CERF-P mission of the HRF validation exercise was CPT Peter Vilahoz. The CERF-P uses the MERC satellite to provide a wireless access point, and hard wire connectivity to both the commercial internet as well as the NGB network. Each of the CERF-P elements were provided phone and internet service through the MERC satellite system. The CERF-P mission was located in the field of the State Preapredness Training Center where thousands of dollars were spent to establish a rubble pile for training on the Search and Rescue missions in the event of a domestic emergency.



CERF-P TOC with all the staff sections at work



JNN Operators PFC Mayes and PVT Shastany





Picture left to right: MSG J. Young Member 187th Sig, CSM D'Anna, SFC Frank Rizzi, don't know, member of Co B , CSM Williams, 1SG Peller Co B, MSG Cardinelli, don't know MAJ Perri, 1SG Murphy, 1SG Morrissey

The James H. Anderson Post #1199 of the American Legion Orangeburg, NY, has adopted Bravo Company of the 101st Signal Battalion from this date until their return some time in the latter half of 2013. As part of our assistance at this time for the units of approximately 150 member soldiers and officers we will be hosting the troops and their families (approximately 300 to 350 men, women and children) for a picnic on Saturday May 26, 2012 at Anderson Field, 61 Hunt Road, Orangeburg, NY Noon till 4 PM

Notification of Article made by MG (Ret) Robert Rose

# HOME REPORTER AND SUNSET NEWS THE BROOKLYN SPECTATOR

Posted: Friday, May 18, 2012

## Meet Scandinavian of the Year 2012: Paul Busse



**Paul Busse Dancing**  
*Photo courtesy of the Scandinavian East Coast Museum*

Although Paul Busse had not one drop of Scandinavian blood, he was instrumental in preserving, sharing and documenting Scandinavian culture, and for this reason the Scandinavian East Coast Museum has named him Scandinavian of the Year 2012.

Busse was born on October 15, 1939 in Brooklyn. He attended New Utrecht High School. After he graduated he took a job at Banker's Trust where his time was spent doing complicated data entry on one of the city's first computers. It was as big as a house

Busse joined the Army in 1962, a patriotic move made to defend his country in the wake of the Cuban Missile Crisis. During his military service he traveled all over Europe. After returning to the states, he stayed connected to the military by taking a civilian job in the Signal Army Corps and also served in the Army reserves for over 20 years.

Busse's other interest was in dance. He realized this after attending the Fred Astaire Dance Studio on Flatbush Avenue. His talent was evident and he quickly became a dance teacher and competed in amateur ballroom dance competitions in Atlantic City, New York City and Los Vegas. Busse was introduced to Norwegian folk dancing through friends he met in a bowling league and they invited him to join the Norwegian Folk Dancing Society of New York, for which he later became the dance leader. He also worked with and taught the Nansen Lodge Folk Dancers. He loved it so much that he dedicated 40 years of his life to learning and teaching Norwegian folk dance. He and the society traveled all over the tri-state area and as far away as Norway to perform.

Busse was also a very thorough researcher, documenting the history of Norwegian folk dance and how it evolved. He was especially adept at sharing how certain types of dance had connections to other parts of Europe.

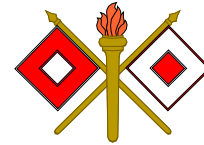
In recent years, Busse worked with the Scandinavian East Coast Museum to create the first Virtual Museum component on its website, documenting the Norwegian Folk Dance Society of New York.

For the last two years, he voluntarily taught at the Christ Church After School. The children he taught performed Norwegian folk dances at the After School's Multicultural Festival and at the SECM's Viking Fest.

For all of these reasons, SECM honors and thanks Busse for his contributions to the Scandinavian community, by naming him Scandinavian of the Year 2012.

The organization's only regret is that this recognition is being given posthumously.

# The Liberty Chapter Annual Fishing Trip



**Come and enjoy a great day visiting with friends and fishing for blues!!!**

**Where:** City Island (Off the Hutch)  
**When:** 5 September 2012  
**Boat:** The Rip Tide III  
**Cost:** \$65.00 ( \$60.00 Seniors)  
**Time:** 0700 (boat sails around 0800)

**Bring your own food and drink. The ship has limited food available**

**Everyone welcome: Please pass this along**



**RIPTIDE III  
701 Minnieford Avenue  
City Island, NY**

FROM WESTCHESTER: Take 684/287 to Hutchison Parkway South all the way to exit 6 to City Island/Orchard Beach, follow signs for City Island, go over the City Island Bridge then make the first left onto Bridge Street, follow road to stop sign, make left onto Minnieford Avenue, go a short distance to the Riptide's parking lot.

